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**PATENT**  
Attorney Docket No.: DB001099-000

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

<b>Applicant:</b>	Feng (DAN) Lin	)	<b>Examiner:</b>	Not yet assigned
<b>Serial No.:</b>	10/730,609	)	<b>Art Unit:</b>	2816
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<b>Entitled:</b>	CENTRALIZING THE LOCK POINT OF A SYNCHRONOUS CIRCUIT			

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

To: Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
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Dear Sir:

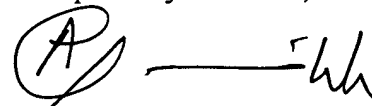
Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned application, please find the following:

- Information Disclosure Statement; and
- Form PTO/SB/08A.

Also enclosed is a return postcard. Please date stamp the postcard and return it to us to acknowledge receipt of this Disclosure Statement.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 20-0888. A duplicate copy of this Transmittal letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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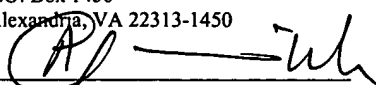
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#### Information Disclosure Statement

Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97-98, enclosed herewith is:

☒ Form PTO/SB/08A

☐ Form PTO/SB/08B

listing references for consideration by the Examiner.

Applicant also wishes to draw the Examiner's attention to the disclosure provided in the following two United States patent applications related to the present application and having a common assignee:

<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Inventor</u>	<u>Title</u>
10/932,942	09-02-2004	Feng Lin	System and Method to Improve the Efficiency of Synchronous Mirror Delays and Delay Locked Loops
10/932,952	09-02-2004	Feng Lin	System and Method to Improve the Efficiency of Synchronous Mirror Delays and Delay Locked Loops

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The Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed pursuant to:

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AND either

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☐ each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement; OR

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Applicant respectfully requests that the listed reference be considered by the Examiner, and that the Examiner acknowledge consideration of the reference by initialing and returning a copy of the attached form(s) with the next Official Action.

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